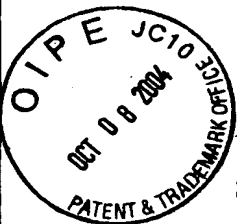


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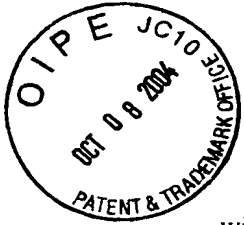
Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph number [00018] beginning at page 4 as follows:

[00018] The support member 20 has a length that exceeds the width of the three abutting floor panels 24 as best shown in Figures 1 and 2A. A generally U-shaped channel 32 is secured to opposing ends of the support member 20 that extend beyond the width of the floor 16. The U-shaped channel 32 includes an upper, horizontal lip 33 that partially encloses the U-shaped channel 32. The U-shaped channel 32 extends along the length of the oven module 10, the purpose of which will be explained further below. The interaction between the floor panels 24, the support member 20, and the U-shaped channel 32 is shown best in Figure [3A] 2A. Preferably, the U-shaped channel 32 is bolted or similarly fastened to each of, or some of, the support members 20 with fastener 35.



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I hereby certify that the enclosed **Preliminary Amendment** and fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee, **Mailing Label No. EV 489 349 691 US** and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **October 8, 2004**.

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